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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Appln. No.  | : | 10/647,487             |
| Applicant   | : | Buenz et al.           |
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| Examiner    | : | Brent Swarthout        |
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office action dated April 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application pursuant to a request for continued examination under 35 CFR 1.114 and re-examine and reconsider for allowance the amended and remaining claims of the above-identified application in view of the arguments presented in the following Remarks section.